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# Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on Joshua

## **Welcome to your study on the book of Joshua**

This is the third study guide produced by People Christian Fellowship (PCF) in relation to the Discipleship Framework. Within this document you will find a daily reading plan. Committing to this is a very important part of your biblical study and will help you in gaining wisdom and understanding of God's word. PCF Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a great place to receive teaching on different aspects of the book as we all learn together. Your discipler will also be studying with you and will challenge you to search the depths of God's word.

## **Individual Study**

Your reading plan is very important; it will help you to develop the spiritual discipline of studying God's word. We suggest that you spend a short time in prayer before and after studying; asking God to open your heart to His truth. By studying His word you will increase your faith, arm yourself for the challenges ahead and gain knowledge and understanding of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that you may confidently witness to others. It is recommended that everybody follow the daily study plan to ensure that the whole church is studying the book of Joshua in unison.

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Spending time in corporate prayer is a vital ingredient for your Spiritual development. As part of the shift to develop the discipleship framework, the prayer meeting bible study section will follow alongside the discipleship study plan. Prayer meeting will be a great opportunity for you to receive comprehensive teaching on a number of key themes found in the book of Joshua.

## **Discipleship Meetings**

The Christian walk is not merely an experiential moment of spiritual enlightenment, but a journey toward maturation, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. The Church 'is one', purposed for the building up of the saints in preparation for works of service; identified by its unity with Christ and amongst its members (John 17:21). The basic philosophy of the discipleship framework is:

A community of believers growing in Christ, who are accountable and involved in one another's lives.

The framework promotes a level of accountability in relation to the exercise of spiritual disciplines and a degree of involvement which supports wholesome and fruitful relationships. Through the framework the gifts of all believers can be mobilised to advance the Kingdom of God.

## **The study below should be used only as a rough guide.**

During the study section of the meeting disciplers and disciple's should work through the study questions together discussing any revelations, opinions, issues or thoughts that may arise. You do not have to be a bible scholar to conduct or participate in the bible study. Difficult questions that may arise should be noted and brought to the church leadership.

Below is a rough guide formatting a typical disciple meeting.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Open in Prayer</b>	Spend a short time in prayer, asking God to be in the midst of your meeting.
<b>Reflection</b>	You may want to start with some general reflection on how the week has been. Do not try to force information out. The amount of information should be determined by the disciplee
<b>Study</b>	The whole church will be studying the same book at the same time. In this section you could start by reflecting on what you have studied in the previous meeting, any homework and/or revelations. Follow the study guide and try to complete as much as you can.
<b>Reflection</b>	Recap what you have learnt and ask if there are specific areas of intended application. Please also share your areas of intended application. Ensure you set a task to be completed by the next meeting.
<b>Pray</b>	Ask your disciplee if there are any areas of their life they would like you like to pray for/about. Please also remember your community within your prayers. You could also ask your disciplee to pray.
<b>Encourage</b>	Before you meet prepare an encouragement for your disciplee. It must be specific. (Preferably scripture based).

## The book of Joshua

At the close of the book of Deuteronomy, Moses and the people of Israel were camped in the hills of Moab, just across the Jordan River from the promised land of Canaan. So Deuteronomy ends with the expectation that soon, these people would cross the river and begin their lives in Canaan. But Moses would not be the one to lead them into this land. The young Joshua had been appointed to follow Moses as the new leader of these people.

The book of Joshua describes how the people of Israel settled in and divided up the promised land of Canaan among the twelve tribes. The title of the book comes from its leading character, Joshua, chosen to lead Israel after Moses died (Joshua 1:1-3).

The book of Joshua has two main parts. The first half (chapters 1-12) is a series of stories about the capture of key cities and towns in Canaan. It includes many stories that explain the origin of a landmark in Israel. The second half (chapters 13-22) consists of tribal boundaries and city lists. The twelve tribes each got a share of the land, while the Levites were given special cities scattered throughout Israel. The concluding chapters of the book (23,24) report Joshua's farewell and death as well as the important gathering at Shechem where the people of Israel promised to obey the Lord God, now that they had settled in the promised land.

### About Joshua

- Son of Nun. He was called Hoshea, which means "salvation". Later Moses changed his name to Joshua meaning, "the Lord saves". The same name in the Greek form is Jesus (Numbers 13:8, 16).
- From the tribe of Ephraim.
- In the Sinai Peninsula, he led the troops of Israel to victory over the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13).
- Servant or aide of Moses (Exodus 24:13).
- He represented his tribe when 12 spies were sent to look over Canaan. Only Joshua and Caleb were ready to follow God's will and take possession of the land (Numbers 13-14).
- He was God's chosen servant, successor to Moses, chosen to lead Israel into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 34:9).
- He was 40 yrs at the time of the Exodus, 80 when he received his commission, and 110 at his death (circa 1376 B.C.).
- He was known for his deep trust in God and as "a man in whom is the spirit" (Numbers 27:18).

## Prayer Meeting and Discipleship Study Guide on the Book of Joshua

Prayer Meeting study duration: 4 weeks

Total Prayer Meeting teaching time: 2 Hours

Start Date: 31/08/09 End Date: 27/09/09

Discipleship study duration: 4 weeks

Total Discipleship reading time: (15mins a day)

Week and Date	Chapter	Prayer meeting Bible Study	Discipleship Reading Plan	Discipleship Study Questions
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 22</p> <p>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 09</p> <p style="text-align: center;">–</p> <p>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 09</p>	9 - 10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gibeonite’s Deception</li> <li>• Israel question the Gibeonite’s but fail to seek the Lord before making a treaty</li> <li>• The truth revealed</li> <li>• Israel keep their word</li> <li>• The Gibeonite’s destiny</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 9:1-6</p> <p>Tue - 9:7-11</p> <p>Wed - 9:12-15</p> <p>Thur - 9:16-20</p> <p>Fri - 9:21-23</p> <p>Sat - 9:24-27</p> <p>Sun - Reflection</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How far will someone go to deceive you?</li> <li>2. Was it the depth of the deception or the fact that they did not seek the Lord, why Israel were fooled?</li> <li>3. Can you recall a time when you failed to seek the Lord and you were deceived? Is there also a time when God has revealed a deceiver to you?</li> <li>4. What are the similarities between Rahab and the Gibeonites?</li> <li>5. Why did Israel take their oath so seriously, even though it was based on a lie(16-19)?</li> <li>6. Why do you think Joshua cursed them?</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 23</p> <p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 09</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 09</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five nations join forces against Gibeon</li> <li>• Gibeon seeks help from Israel</li> <li>• Israel’s army march up Gilgal to defend Gibeon</li> <li>• The word of the Lord comes to Joshua: Do not be afraid...</li> <li>• Joshua makes a display of the five kings</li> <li>• Joshua and the Israelite army subdue the land</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 10:1-8</p> <p>Tue - 10:9-15</p> <p>Wed - 10:16-24</p> <p>Thur - 10:25-28</p> <p>Fri - 10:29-37</p> <p>Sat - 10:38-43</p> <p>Sun - Reflection</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What picture of God do you get from this chapter?</li> <li>2. After all the things God had done for Israel why do you think Israel needed reassurance: Do not be afraid... (10:8)</li> <li>3. In spite of past victories, in what areas do you need reassurance from God?</li> <li>4. Can you explain Joshua’s actions in verses 16-27? (Especially ‘standing on necks of the kings)</li> </ol>

<p>Week 24 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 09 - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 09</p>	<p>11 - 12</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many kings unite against Israel</li> <li>• Israel battles against a huge army</li> <li>• Israel takes the land</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 11:1-5 Tue - 11:6-9 Wed - 11:10-15 Thur - 11:16-19 Fri - 11:20-23 Sat - Reflection</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After the stunning victories in the south, a new and more powerful force aligns itself against Israel (11:1-5). Imagine you were there, what would be going through your mind?</li> <li>2. During these battles, how does Joshua demonstrate his obedience to the Lord?</li> <li>3. Do you read of any miraculous interventions during this battle?</li> <li>4. When we do not see miracles how are we assured God is with us?</li> <li>5. Are there any scriptures that bring YOU assurance?</li> </ol>
<p>Week 25 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 09 - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 09</p>		<p><b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 09</b></p> <p>List of defeated Kings</p>	<p>Mon- 12:1-5 Tue - 12:6 Wed - 12:7-8 Thur - 12:9-24 Fri - Reflection Sat - Reflection</p>	<p>Israel has seen the hand of God move on their behalf. Often times we a battling an enemy that is bigger than us and we may feel inadequate for the task. But we have studied and seen how God has favoured the Israelites and we have seen what happened when Israel was disobedient. The question now remains, what battle faces you and what has the Lord called you to do? Search your life and where you find disobedience, repent. Where you find weakness, ask for strength and faith to face the challenge and where you find favour, give thanks.</p>